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A. Summary and Conclusions

1) The present world fleet has shown significan gains since 1945.

2) In size and speed, the average vessel under construction exceeds not only the average tanker in existence, but also the norm for for ships under construction or on order as recently as 1950.

3) In carrying capacity, the US tanker fleet has declined from 60% of the world total in the immediate post-World War II situation to just under 30% on 1 Oct 52.

4) The position of the US will decline further during the next five years, and under present conditions, will probably not exceed 22% of the world total carrying capacity by the end of 1957.

5) As a consequence of the practice by US owners of putting vessels under friendly foreign flags, the US controls a considerably greater p percentage than is indicated by statistics. Nevertheless, the trends indicated in 3) and 4) above are unmistakably in evidence whether the US position be judged by flag or control.

6) Due to accelerated building programs in the World War II years, age distributions of the major flags of the world and of individual fleet owners reflect a heavy concentration of tonnage constructed during the years 1942 through 1945. will have a profound effect on the timing of tanker replacements for years to come.

В. Analysis

- 1) World Inventory
- 2) Flag of Registry
- 3) Speed and Deadweight Tonnage
- 4) Age
- 5) Ownership of US Privately Owned Fleet

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7) New Construction

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- C. Statistical Tabulations
 - 1) World Tank Ship Fleet, Actual and T2-SE-Al Equivalents 1 Oct 52
 - 2) Changes in World Tank Ship Fleet since 1945
 - 3) Speed and Deadweight Tonnage Groups
 - 4) Analysis of Age Distribution
 - 5) T2-SE-Al Equivalent Analysis of Age Distribution
 - 6) Cumulative T2-SE-Al Equivalent Analysis of Age Distribution
 - 7) Cumulative Percentage T2-SE-Al Analysis of Age Distribution
 - 8) Analysis of US Flag Privately Owned Tank Ship Fleet
 - 9) Analysis of Ownership Within Flags of the Actual World Fleet
 - 10) Analysis of Ownership Within Flags of the World T2-SE-Al Equivalent Fleet
 - 11) Tank Ships Under Construction or on Order 1 Oct 52
 - 12) Speed and Deadweight Tonnage Groups of Ships Under Construction or on Order - 1 Oct 527

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